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SUBJ: INCB INFORMATION REQUEST

REF: STATE 156458

1. AUSTRALIAN POPPY CULTIVATION PROJECT IS A PRIVATE COMMERCIAL UNDERTAKING. DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT IS VERY CLOSELY HELD FOR COMMERCIAL CONFIDENTIALITY REASONS AND IS NOT WIDELY AVAILABLE EITHER FROM INDUSTRY OR GOVERNMENT REGULATORY AUTHORITIES. FOLLOWING INFORMATION BASED ON PRESS SOURCES AND GENERAL COMMENTS OBTAINABLE FROM REGULATORY AUTHORITIES.

2. AUSTRALIAN POPPY CROP USED ENTIRELY IN FORM OF POPPY STRAW WHICH IS IN TURN PROCESSED TO REACH CODEINE AS END PRODUCT. WE PRESUME REFERENCE TO DOUBLED AUSTRALIA PRODUCTION REFERS TO CODEINE RATHER THAN TO INTERMEDIATE MORPHINE STATE.

3. WE UNDERSTAND AUSTRALIAN CODEINE PRODUCTION INCREASED SHARPLY IN 1976. THE OUTSTANDING REASON FOR THIS CHANGE WAS THAT THE \$5 MILLION ABBOTT-POLISH JOINT VENTURE OPENED A NEW
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PROCESSING PLANT AND THE ADVENT OF THE SECOND PRODUCER IN AUSTRALIA WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A MASSIVE INCREASE IN THE POPPY ACREAGE IN TASMANIA. ACCORDING TO PRESS SOURCES THE INCREASE WAS FROM 1146 HECTARES IN 1974-75 TO MORE THAN 4000 HECTARES IN 1975-76.

4. WE UNDERSTAND FROM GOVERNMENT SOURCES THAT THE POPPY

CROP INCREASED COMMENSURATELY AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT
AWARE OF ANY CROP FAILURE.
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